THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held on 22nd November, 2004 in the Planning Commission with the officers of the Government of Maharashtra. Three key areas for Mumbai's transformation were indicated, namely, transport infrastructure, housing and other infrastructure. These proposals are at an early stage of formulation and the State Govt, has not yet developed them into implementable projects with the necessary financial tie up.

(b) and (c) During his visit to Mumbai on 6-7 January, 2005, the Prime Minister was given a detailed briefing by Government of Maharashtra on initiatives for Mumbai's infrastructure upgradation as mentioned at (a).

(d) and (e) The Prime Minister held a meeting on 16th October, 2004 with the officials of Ministry of Urban Development and the Planning Commission to discuss ideas for Mumbai's transform into a global metropolis and the details about National Mission on Urban Renewal.

National Highways in Tamil Nadu

*60. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of about 3850 Kms. of National Highways in the State of Tamil Nadu, 1629 Kms. has been handed over to the NHAI for implementing the National Highway Development Programme and port connectivity programmes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the work on 1074 Kms. out of 1629 Kms. handed over to NHAI by the State Government of Tamil Nadu is yet to be taken up by the NHAI; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Out of 1630 km. of National Highways entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) by the Government of India (not by Government of Tamil Nadu), work on 445 km has already been completed and work on 168 km is in progress. Work on the remaining 1017 km. as follows is yet to be taken up.

Golden Quadrilateral	Nil
North-South Corridor	672.00 km
Port Connectivity	7.00 km
Others	338.00 km
TOTAL	1017.00 km

The works that remain to be awarded are under second phase of National Highway Development Project (NHDP). These works are targeted to be awarded by June 2005 and completed substantially by December, 2007 as per the original completion target of NHDP (Phase II).

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New status for KVIC

301. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware of the fact that there is a strong need for granting the status of an export promotion council to the KVIC;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this regard has been received by the Government and is under examination.